

Hawaii Holomua

PROGRESS.

The Life of the Land is Established in Righteousness.

HONOLULU, NOV. 16, 1893.

THAT SCARE.

Last night any person passing through the town, which was as quiet and deserted as usual would be surprised to see armed men hanging around on all corners and along the streets from Waikiki to Moanalua. What the object of this display of militarism was could not be ascertained yesterday, but this morning it was given out that an uprising was expected among the royalists who were supposed to seize the government buildings and restore the queen. How this yarn ever started, we do not know, although we are pretty familiar by this time with the methods of the so-called detectives, who report to the Marshal and the Attorney-General every morning the most wonderful products of their imaginations for the purpose of earning the two or three dollars which the Attorney General generously donates to them out of the taxpayers money.

That the Attorney General is getting demoralized, we have had several occasions to notice, but we thought that Marshal Hitchcock in whose hands the safety of the town is or ought to be, had both sufficient common sense as well as courage to refuse to listen to such unreasonable and idiotic stories as the "detectives" serve out to him. But no, he has been bitten by the same mad soldier who has filled the system of nearly the whole government from Mr. Dole to Dr. Rodgers with *militiaphobia*, and he isn't a bit better.

It is hardly any use to talk or write common sense to men suffering from that dreadful disease, but we shall anyhow use a little space to try and reason with them. Why in the name of ordinary sanity should the royalists commit suicide at this stage of our political situation? Why should the royalists try to gain by force what they know will be given to them voluntarily and surely by the United States of America? Is it possible that Messrs Dole, Damon and Hitchcock in their lucid moments consider the members of the opposition damned fools? During former days under different circumstances we believe that the gentlemen mentioned have had numerous opportunities to realize that there are as much brains among the royalists as there are among the annexationists and that the men who lead the opposition are not apt to allow their party to commit suicide when the success of their long and careful fight is within their grasp. Why should the royalists who have kept peaceful and quiet, awaiting the decision of the United States, a few days before the rendering of that decision go to work and take their cause into their own hands and ignore the arbitrators to whom they voluntarily and gladly presented their claims for

redress and justice? The Washington Dispatch to-day proves that the royalists were on the right track and that their attitude has been the only correct and proper one—to believe that they would change their position now would be the belief of a lunatic or an imbecile.

But we have no objection whatsoever to find with the parading on the streets of armed men, or the paying of two or three dollars per night to all the bummers in town, nor do we object to the authorities covering themselves with ridicule, but we do object to the government officially informing the U. S. forces, that an outbreak is expected thereby causing the men onboard the war-vessels to be held ready for action during the night. By such action the government slanders the opposition which has been noted only by their peaceful and dignified behaviour during the last 10 months—and they make fools of those in command of the American vessels. We can hardly think that the U. S. officers here seriously can believe after the experience they have already had that there are any intentions on the part of the Hawaiians to create a disturbance or trouble. Any danger which can be expected emanates solely from the irresponsible men whom the government has armed and who are allowed to roam at large under the different disguises as members of the American League Annexation Club, Army, or Citizen's Preserve (bottled or canned.) Those conversant with the true situation here will realize the absolute correctness of our statement.

But all this talk about an uprising of royalists is only a blind under which the authorities have armed a number of men with whom they hope to be able to prevent the eventual landing of American troops. That's the secret in the whole business. When armed men are gathered on the water front it is hardly for the purpose of resisting royalists—they don't live in the water—but it is simply to be on hand and attempt to kick up a row, if the United States forces should be ordered to land. When the night before the police was taken off the streets and confined at the Station House it was hardly for the purpose of watching the royalists—who don't live around the Station—but it was to hold them ready to rush to the wharves and stop (great Scott!) the blue-jackets if they attempted to come ashore. There are a few cranks among the leading men of the P. G. who actually talk loudly about resisting the United States forces and it begins to appear that the leaders of the citizens preserve are among them. Ministers King and Smith's remark in the Advertiser to-day that Cleveland's message in regard to the restoration of the Hawaiian Monarchy "will not affect the course of this government" would be extremely amusing if it wasn't so pyramidically idiotic. But it is in that way a handful or two of the preserved citizens talk and it is with them that all the ridiculous fuss originates. That the government becomes a laughing stock, that the treasury will be emptied, and that some gun-accident might happen is nothing to our wise

men, as long as they can hang on to their salaries and cry "up with the P. G. down with Cleveland! Hurrah!"

SKITS

The most terrible suggestion contained in the Advertiser's "interviews" this morning upon the authenticity of the despatch announcing President Cleveland's forthcoming message to Congress in favor of restoration of our monarchy, is the veiled threat of that great and pious warrior, Holy Willie Hall, that "there'll be a row here if that happens." Now, Heaven avert such a calamity, or at least modify it by guaranteeing that Holy Willie may be found within range, in case the row should unhappily come to pass. In such event he might be plied with such arguments as to induce his permanent retirement from the trade in raw alcohol to the savages of the far North.

Speaking of Holy Willie reminds us that his Holiness has been uncommonly sanguinary in his comments upon the situation of late, if dame rumor speaketh truly. It is even reported of that soldier of the Lord, (as represented in this part of the usual vineyard by the immaculate P. G.) that he has declared in favor of a deluge of blood for the streets—prescribed a rain of go-ah for the highways, in case there be an attempt to curtail his salary as Commisary-General, or some other title equally intelligible to his Holiness. Good! by all means, let us have some judiciously executed bloodletting, but in such event, may we hope that Holy Willie will carry his theory far enough into practice to furnish some of the ruby fluid? If his Holiness like so many of his co-saints is ready to shed the last drop of his blood for "good government"—and a salary—let him not be backward about shedding the first drop of the same. It's not heroic to shed the last drop of one's vital fluid. It's shedding the first drop that will test the courage of the holy ones.

The pious guild are not unmindful of the value of whistling as an accompaniment to a march through a grave-yard. They have of late (since getting into the depths of their political cemetery) been most vociferously—even if somewhat discordantly—whistling to scare away the "Royalist" ghosts. They have even removed the enormous steam-whistle from the Iron Works to Holy Willie's electric shop and are pressing steam into their service to lay the Royalist sprite. But the latter entity will be found too spritely for the holy ones. Mai pouna oukou i keia!

OFFICIAL VISITS

Monsieur S. Fagii H. I. J. M's Commissioner and Consul General called on Rear Admiral John Irwin, on board of the U. S. F. S. Philadelphia at one o'clock this afternoon.

At two o'clock, Monsieur A. Vizzavona Acting Commissioner and Consul for France, visited the U. S. F. S. Philadelphia.

These officials were accorded the usual salutes upon leaving the Flagship.

LATEST NEWS.

By the R. M. S. S. Alameda.

(From the Australasian.)

Two attempts have recently been made to assassinate Admiral Mello, the commander of the insurgent fleet that is besieging Rio de Janeiro, but they were both unsuccessful. News has been received from Rio that Admiral Mello the insurgent leader has proclaimed Captain Lorena, commander of one of the insurgent vessels as provisional president of the republic.

The death is announced of the Maharajah Dhuleep Singh at the age of 55 years.

Lord Vivian the British Ambassador at Rome died on the 21st ult. aged 59 years.

The appointment of the Earl of Elgin as Viceroy of India has been very unfavourably received by the Indian press. A joint committee has been appointed by the French Foreign Office and the British Embassy in Paris to make arrangements for the establishment of a buffer state on the Mekong between the British and French possessions.

The Matabele outbreak in South Africa which had gained rather large dimensions has been put down by English troops after some pretty hard fighting and loss of lives on both sides.

Mayor Carter Harrison was assassinated by an unknown man on Oct. 29. The cowardly murder has created a great sensation and consternation all over the United States. The murderer succeeded in making his escape.

The Chicago Fair has closed. Twenty millions of people visited the exposition during the six months it was open.

The New Pacific Steam Service.

Mr. James Huddart of Melbourne has chartered the Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company's Steamer Alawa, to take the place of the Miowera, one of the steamers of his new Pacific service between Australia and Vancouver, which went aground in Honolulu Harbour. The Alawa will leave Sydney for Vancouver on November 18 in accordance with the time table, succeeding the Warrimoo, which left on the 18th inst.

The departure of the Alawa is regarded as a favourable opportunity for sending a cargo of frozen meat to Canada with a view to testing the Canadian market for this product.—(The Australasian)

PILES

Rowell's "Pet" pile-driver took a tumble this morning. It is said, that it became so dizzy upon the receipt of the Restoration news by the Alameda, that it capsized.

That functionary was the picture of despair as he gazed vacuously at its upturned bottom. He was then seen to scratch his own—for an idea of course!

The Blasted Thing.

When the great superintendent, the ex-mule-rider of public works wanted to blast that rock he blasted the wharf. He is now trying to blast more rock with more wharf until it will be all rock and no wharf. The expenses be blasted!

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or the utterances of our correspondents.]

EDITOR HOLOMUA:

Although I have noticed that you, in your last issues, have avoided all that could be construed as "politics," I will ask you for a little space in your columns, for the purpose of asking two questions, which seem to me and other loyal citizens to be of some importance at the present moment.

I. Have the annexationists received any authentic information which can lead them to believe that the future destiny of Hawaii will be decided by a vote?

My reasons for asking are, that the annexationists seem to have taken the initiative steps to open a vigorous campaign, and by all means, honest and dishonest, to secure a victory. Their ward-politicians have even been sent to the other Islands ostensibly on government business, but virtually on "the stump." I can hardly believe that these steps would have been taken without the P. G.'s knowing what they were about.

II. It is generally understood that the Queen's cabinet, has signified its willingness to resign with one exception in case of the restoration of the constitution of 1887. I learn that Messrs Parker, Cornwell, and Peterson are ready to surrender their portfolios, but that Mr. J. F. Colburn refuses to join them in such a step. Can you or anybody else tell me, why he adopts such an attitude at the present critical time?

By answering the above questions, you will greatly oblige.

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Reward.

A Postal Savings Bank Book No. 465 has been lost at my residence during this month. Who ever finds it and returns same at my residence at Heeia, Koolau-poko, Oahu, or at the law office of Jas. K. Kaulia, in Honolulu, will receive a reward.

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